

Claim Amendments:

1. (original) Clamping piece of springy sheet metal with two opposing, V-shaped latching recesses (1, 2) and a spring bottom (5) connecting the latching recesses (1, 2), said spring bottom (5) having in its middle a hole (12) for receiving a screw (13) for securing a component (15) to a panel (8), wherein, for latching into a penetration (11) in the panel (8), the latching recesses (1, 2) are of such depth that, with the clamping piece in the latched position, their arms (3, 4) encompass the edges (9, 10) of the penetration (11) on both sides in such a manner that the spring bottom (5) maintains a distance from the panel (8), characterized in that provided between spring bottom (5) and component (15) is a supporting part (16, 17; 20, 21), wherein, when pressure is exerted on the spring bottom (5), said supporting part (16, 17; 20, 21) holds the spring bottom (5) at a minimum distance from the component (15) through supporting of the supporting part (16, 17; 20, 21) on the component (15).

2. (original) Clamping piece according to claim 1, characterized in that the spring bottom (5) is provided with at least one supporting lobe (16, 17), wherein said supporting lobe(s) (16, 17) issue from the middle of said spring bottom (5) and transversely with respect to the longitudinal extent thereof and form the supporting part.

3. (original) Clamping piece according to claim 2, characterized in that the supporting part (20, 21) is bent out of the latching recess (1, 2) and the associated arm (3, 4) towards the spring bottom (5).

4. (original) Clamping piece according to claim 1, characterized in that

the supporting part is in the form of a tubular rail (22) drawn out of the spring bottom (5).

5. (original) Clamping piece according to claim 1, characterized in that injected into the hole (12) in the spring bottom (5) is a plastic tubular piece (24) forming the supporting part.

6. (original) Clamping piece according to claim 1, characterized in that connected in form-fitting manner to the hole (12) in the spring bottom (5) is a sheet-metal tubular piece (25) forming the supporting part.

7. (currently amended) Clamping piece according to claim 1 any one ~~of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the spring bottom is arched in form.